



On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Karl Marx, the founder of scientific socialism, the Bureau of the C.C. of the Viet Nam Workers' Party issued instructions pointing to the tremendous significance of the revolution in the world and in Viet Nam since the founding of Marxism and since it has been following the correct Marxist-Leninist line.

"Withstanding all trials," the Polit Bureau said, "Marxism-Leninism has proved its vigorous vitality as an invincible weapon of the working class and oppressed people. It has become a source of human wisdom in the present era. It has become the ideology of thousands of millions on this earth and it is the banner of the struggle of the working class and toiling masses against imperialism, for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism."

On May 5, 1968, Hanoi papers devoted almost a bank of their space to articles on Marx and Marxism-Leninism.

Nhan Dan wrote in its editorial:

"The working class and people of Viet Nam are deeply grateful to Karl Marx, the founder of scientific socialism, for his great contribution to Marxism-Leninism on which embarked Comrade Ho Chi Minh, the first Vietnamese Communist, on the path of national salvation which leads our people from darkness to light, the path on which our people have fought for socialism, a socialist revolution. Our Party has been given a satisfactory answer to the problem of class struggle in a poor, backward agrarian country just freed from

colonialism and feudalism during the period of transition to socialism by bypassing the period of capitalist development. As pointed out by our Party, the class and people of our country are doing their best in their resistance against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. The Vietnamese revolution in every stage, this has been the factor number one that guarantees victory. Under the leadership of the Party, the working class, led by respected and beloved President Ho Chi Minh, the Vietnamese working class and peasants have risen to stop the progress of their revolutionary struggle. The success of the August Revolution in 1945 led to the establishment of the first people's democratic state in Vietnam, the first people's democratic state in South-East Asia, and heralded the collapse of colonialism and the Airstrip of Dien Bien Phu."

The nine-year war of resistance to French colonialism which ended with the victory at Dien Bien Phu has liberated half of the country and made it possible for North Viet Nam to switch over from the people's democratic revolution to a socialist revolution. Our Party has been given a satisfactory answer to the problem of class struggle in a poor, backward agrarian country just freed from

Marxism-Leninism by carrying through all our tasks according to the slogan 'Everything for our revolution, nothing for the U.S. aggressors!'

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"Marking Karl Marx's birth anniversary, we must step up the studying of Marxism-Leninism, making the study of Marxist-Leninist thought a political task for our cadres and Party members. At the same time, it is necessary to put up the spirit of revolution and sum up the substantial experience gained by the Vietnamese revolution.

"Revolutionary practice generally gives rise to new problems. The problem of class struggle and proletarian dictatorship during the transitional period is socialism. The struggle between the two paths (socialist and capitalist) for a clear-cut answer to the question 'who will win?' is the main problem of socialism (revolution in the relations of production, technical revolution and ideological and cultural revolution), the main task our revolution must take to the great front in the war of resistance against U.S. aggression for national salvation. We must strengthen international solidarity on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, etc. and among ourselves. Comrades and Party members must discuss, grasp and settle satisfactorily. We must immerse ourselves with the thoughts, going revolution, spirit and creativeness of Marxism-Leninism, maintain our independent thinking, closely unite and work together, and creatively apply Marxism-Leninism to the realities of our country in order to better grasp and correctly solve the aforesaid problems."

## ON THE EVE OF D.R.V.N.—U.S.A. OFFICIAL TALKS

THE May 3, 1968 statement of the D.R.V.N. Foreign Minister, Mr. Pham Van Dong, on the month-long U.S. military maneuvers aimed at delaying and confusing, and taking advantage of the U.S. forces in the U.S.A. By suggesting a site—Paris, a date—May 10 or 11, a few days thereafter, by appealing to a very important personality, Minister Xuan Thuy, his representative, and chiefly by making known to the press direct the official plan that with the U.S. without going through the stages of consultation, the American government of the D.R.V.N., has given positive proof that its policy of "coercion" of the U.S. has been successful. The U.S. imperialists, in their pride, murders were committed by Pak Jung Bo, the Central Trung Bo, and the Central Peasant Forces points in the same direction. The success of the coming talks will be taken by the D.R.V.N. and the Political Program of the D.R.V.N. will be taken as a basis for a settlement. The National Salvation Movement of the D.R.V.N. has given positive proof that the U.S. imperialists are the ones who are unashamedly unmasking the dirty war of aggression against our country. They successively waged in South Viet Nam a "special war" then a "limited war." With an expeditionary force over 100,000 men and too much power in terms of lives and money have suffered set-back after set-back. Dien Bien Phu sealed the fate of old French colonialism. New Dien Bien Phu are awaiting U.S. neo-colonialism.

Ho Chi Minh, the leader of the D.R.V.N. Government, the American President in his May 3 statement thought that "so far, this is only the very first step. There are many, many more difficult steps ahead." He referred to his point of view as was presented in his T.V. statement to the American people on March 31. In this speech Mr. Johnson declared that the role of the U.S. was to prove to the world behind which the Saigon quailings "can survive and develop." Far from being satisfied, he said, this trend will be strengthened in days to come with new contingents of G.I.'s and new war expenses of billions of dollars. Mr. Johnson

also reaffirmed that the U.S. expeditionary forces will remain in South Viet Nam (undoubtedly to establish a neo-colonial regime) and that they will do so under conditions mentioned in the Manila communiqué.

In stressing the American's representation of the D.R.V.N. went to Paris with a sincere desire—that of his government and his people to seek peace in Viet Nam in the context of the respect of the national rights of the Vietnamese people. This was the only condition of the D.R.V.N. and the Political Program of the D.R.V.N. will be taken as a basis for a settlement. The National Salvation Movement of the D.R.V.N. has given positive proof that the U.S. imperialists are the ones who are unashamedly unmasking the dirty war of aggression against our country. They successively waged in South Viet Nam a "special war" then a "limited war." With an expeditionary force over 100,000 men and too much power in terms of lives and money have suffered set-back after set-back. Dien Bien Phu sealed the fate of old French colonialism. New Dien Bien Phu are awaiting U.S. neo-colonialism.

As regards the U.S. war against the D.R.V.N., the American government, proposing successively contacts and official talks between the two countries, they have provided no indication of their readiness to stop unconditionally the bombing of the D.R.V.N. and their aggression against Viet Nam. They are any "hazardous" "difficulties" for a "conditional" cessation of hostilities. Yes, they are a historical necessity, a primary importance on the agenda of the Paris official talks.

Nhan Dan  
May 7, 1968

## NEO-FASCISM WILL BE DOOMED

Twenty years ago, on May 9, 1945, the last gunshots of World War II died down on the European battlefields and the Hitlerite fascists surrendered their arms. Three months later, their Japanese confederates did the same unconditionally. The world was then a more civilized mankind, the majority of whom belonged to the Soviet Army and people.

Twenty years after the defeat of German, Italian and Japanese fascists, a life-and-death struggle is taking place in Viet Nam between the most reactionary and most revisionist forces of mankind of which the Vietnamese people are the vanguard. Such a confrontation is a historical necessity, and the U.S. imperialists' failure in Viet Nam is also a historical necessity, an inevitable outcome.

Nhan Dan  
May 9, 1968

Vietnam COURIER

# KARL MARX'S 150th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

# THE NORTH—GREAT REAR BASE OF THE SOUTH

UP TO MAY 8, 1968

## 2,900 U.S. Planes Downed

THE 2,900 U.S. planes, a A4 Skyhawk, was shot down in Quang Binh province on May 8, 1968 at 11:10 a.m.

Topping the list of provinces and areas which have downed the greatest number of aircraft are Quang Binh (435), Nghe An (358), Thanh Hoa (271), Ha Giang (252), Haiphong (210). Four other areas have exceeded 100 each.

To date 100 planes were grounded with 52 days and included chiefly 3 F11-A jets downed.

Variable-grenades, bombers, 20 Phantoms, A4 Intruders, which are the most expensive planes ever used by the enemy air force.

In this period, it is also Quang Binh which downed the record with 39 planes 23 of which were downed in April, and 12 in night hunting.

At the same period, peasants and workers' militia had to their credit 24 supersonic jets downed.

"How can I help?" asked Phan Van Thai, the 22-year-old son of old Phan Van Tam, a lorry driver who had been killed by a bomb while driving a truck in the rear of the convoy chief. "I am the only one left in the family," he said.

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## A Courageous Driver

fat, let me take the lead. We must get out of here anyhow!

With Tam Tam at the wheel, Phan Van Thai moved on, plowing with American planes which dropped a great quantity of bombs down the road. When he reached the bridge over the river, he stopped the truck and got out. He had been hit in the head by a bullet. As a crossroads, Phan Van Thai took a sideroad and switched the lights on. The marauding bandits obviously set upon him. They were taken in. The rest proceeded on way, uncaptured.

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# South Viet Nam Woman-Leader Awarded LENIN PEACE PRIZE



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ME Nguyen Thi Dinh, member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation, President of the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Union, and Deputy-Commander of the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Armed Forces, has been awarded Lenin Peace Prize.

She and five other social and political personalities have been rewarded for their distinguished contributions to the struggle against U.S. aggression in Viet Nam and to the support for the Vietnamese people.

In an article carried by *Pravda*, May 1, 1968, Academician P.V. Skobtsov, Chairman of the Committee for the Lenin Peace Prize, pointed out that Mme Nguyen Thi Dinh was "an outstanding political personality of South Viet Nam N.F.L." who was credited with a "historic record" and "a great contribution to the persistent and unflinching struggle against alien aggression, for national independence and the freedom of the Fatherland." For this, Mme Nguyen Thi Dinh "has made a name for herself in the world." The Soviet academic remarked.

## AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE POLITICAL LIFE IN SOUTH VIET NAM

A t a time when the army and people of South Viet Nam were engaged in a widespread offensive and simultaneous uprisings with an unprecedented irresistible might, and when the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen's passiveness and predilection, and spending up to the total cost, the emergence of the South Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces with its National Salvation Manifesto and its Central Committee, presided over by Lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao "is a historical event of great importance," (Message sent on April 11, 1968) by the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam N.F.L. to the Congress of the Alliance.

In its National Salvation Manifesto, the Alliance solemnly declared that its policy "is to unite patriotic forces and individuals to the maximum to fight against foreign aggression, to completely overthrow the Nguyen Van Thieu-Park Chung Hee puppet regime, to set up a new National, Democratic, and Peace Program of the South Viet Nam N.F.L."

Proceeding on this line, the Alliance has worked out a concrete program of action aimed at achieving the most immediate and long-term objectives:

— to bring the war to an end, restore peace, regain national independence and sovereignty. The Alliance demands that the United States Government bring the war to an end, withdraw the U.S. and allied troops from South Viet Nam, disband the U.S. military bases, and respect the independence and sovereignty of Viet Nam as provided for by the Geneva Agreements on Viet Nam;

— to build South Viet Nam into an independent, free, peaceful, neutral and progressive state. The Alliance must endeavor to set up in South Viet Nam a political system in which the people enjoy genuine democratic liberty, equality, freedom, equality in all respects; to build up an independent, self-supporting and prosperous economy; to attend to the interests of the lower strata and other social strata; to do away with the sequelae of the depraved culture, to make the ultimate fulfillment of the traditional values of the family, and political groupings, the Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces has, by its coming into exist-

## JORIS IVERNS: "The Lenin Peace Prize Was Awarded Me for My Contribution to the Fight of the Vietnamese People."

FAMOUS Dutch film maker Joris Ivens paid a high tribute to the Vietnamese people's fight against the U.S. aggressors on learning that he was one of the new Lenin International Peace Prize winners. In a written statement released to the press, Joris Ivens said he was particularly proud of being a fellow recipient of Madame Nguyen Thi Dinh, Deputy Commander of the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Armed Forces, has been awarded Lenin Peace Prize.

Joris Ivens has made several films on the fight for freedom and democracy in many countries. His documentaries on *Viet Nam, Sky and Earth* and *The Seventeen Years* have earned world-wide recognition.

"For the first time the Lenin Prize was conferred on a film worker. This is a great encouragement to us. This is a great achievement in itself. As a whole whose merits are as much as the reward recognized. This prize particularly honours the Vietnamese people and their comrades who have, together with me, made films during long years in many countries. In the Netherlands, my country, we have been fighting, winning the Lenin International Peace Prize. Committee will undoubtedly receive many of my colleagues."

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respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Viet Nam; to attach great importance to the friendship with neighboring Cambodia and Laos.

On the issue of the reunification of the country, the Alliance holds that "South Viet Nam, North Viet Nam should enter into discussions and negotiations on the basis of equality and mutual respect, and the specific features of each zone with a view to eventual peaceful reunification, and the restoration of the national capital." The statement also held that the alliance is effectively contributing to the great solidarity of the South Viet Nam people in the fight. It constitutes a new development of great importance in the political life of the people in South Viet Nam. It represents a new success of the South Vietnamese people and the Political Program of the South Viet Nam N.F.L.

The patriotic stand against foreign aggression and the fundamental objectives laid down in the Political Program of the South Viet Nam N.F.L. are as follows: "The South Viet Nam N.F.L., a patriotic force which has been created with great contribution to the masses, the struggle and the direction and the direction of the people in the fight against foreign aggression in the past years, cannot be kept out of the political life of any problem in South Viet Nam. We are taking action and discussion with the spirit of the Political Program of the South Viet Nam N.F.L. which remains true to its policy of great national solidarity and is ready to coordinate in action with all patriotic and爱国的 forces. Since the massive commitment of U.S. troops to aggression against South Viet Nam, especially since the start of the war, the U.S. has general offensive and widespread uprisings every year this Spring, these two trends of military operations in the South Viet Nam situation have become more and more marked. Even those people least alive to the sense of events have realized that the ranks of the national resistance movement of many personalities, intellectuals, writers, artists, scholars, scientists, industrialists and businessmen in the towns, of many personal and officers of the puppet administration and army, and even some persons of the pro-U.S. imperialists have the U.S. imperialists headed by Nguyen Van Thieu and Nguyen Cao Ky, now engaged in a fierce struggle for power, so pitifully isolated and that nothing can save them from their inevitable doom."

All these facts easily dispose of all U.S. and its lackeys' misrepresentations of the truth.

They also provide a basis for the belief that with the ever strengthening bloc of the national solidarity, the patriotic forces of the South Viet Nam will triumph over the U.S. imperialists. It is causing them big headaches and fear, forcing them to review many points in

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The Presidium of the U.S. Central Committee has issued a statement welcoming the emergence of the South Viet Nam of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces.

The statement reads in full as follows:

"In their resistance to the brutal aggressive war of the U.S. imperialists, the people and fighters in Viet Nam have, for the first time, shown that they are capable of fighting with great courage and written very glorious pages in the history of our people's resistance to foreign aggression. Especially the general offensive and widespread uprising of the entire forces and people of South Viet Nam, towns and cities have been consolidated and broadened, the great national united bloc against U.S. aggression for national salvation is clearly formed. All Vietnamese patriots, irrespective of social class, political tendency, nationality and religion, are determined to stand up, to fight, to overthrow the U.S. aggressors, to win independence and democracy, to peace and democracy and peace."

"It was an event of important significance marking a new stage in the development of the national united bloc for national salvation."

"In recent years, the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation, continuing to develop into full play the national tradition of unity and indomitable strength, has been exerting every effort to mobilize and encourage the South Vietnamese people of all strata, from the lowest to the highest, to stand up, to fight, to overthrow the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys, to win one victory to another. The resistance movement, the patriotic front, the people's war, the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces, are determined to oppose foreign invaders invading their lands, to defend their homes, to liberate their country, to stand up, to fight, to overthrow the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys, to achieve the peaceful reunification of our country."

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# ON THE LARGE SOUTHERN FRONT

## P.L.A.F. ATTACKS FLARE UP AGAIN

■ Street Fighting in Many Quarters of Saigon  
 in Downtown Area ■ A Puppet Battalion Wiped Out  
 ■ 58 Towns and Urban Centers, 30 Airfields and Many Depots  
 (Totalling 122 Enemy Military Bases and Positions) Stormed.



THE offensive launched by the people's forces since the end of January last was vigorously stepped up in the week following Labour Day, chiefly after May 4. About 100 towns, our forces at least 122 cities, towns, airfields, rear-bases, logistic bases, H.Q.'s and C.P.'s of the enemy were stormed or captured by the P.L.A.F. infantry and artillery. The map opposite will give an idea of the great activities of the people's forces.

**N Saigon and periphery**, since the small hours of May 5, the P.L.A.F. rained shells on vital positions of the enemy, who set up such as the District Governor's office, administrative offices, the old and new harbours piled up with military goods, the T.V. and radio stations of the U.S. Army... and units supported by the local population penetrated to 7 out of 9 quarters of Saigon-Cholon—Gia Dinh.

An enemy Ranger battalion sent to a locality near Phu Tho racetrack between 8th and 9th May was wiped out by the P.L.A.F., who thus for the first time put out of action an enemy battalion in the city. Another para battalion was routed on May 6 at an important crossroad in Cholon. As the puppet troops could not stand the onslaught of the P.L.A.F., the U.S. command sent U.S. reinforcements to the city. Enemy tanks and artillery destroyed many town quarters, causing heavy losses in lives and property to the population. The chief commander of the police of the puppet administration was seriously wounded while his substitute, a colonel, was killed.

Up to May 9, the battle was still raging in some quarters of the city. The P.L.A.F. had captured 10 town quarters, the region in which the U.S. Embassy and U.S.I.S. are located was attacked on May 7.

In the suburbs, Tan Son Nhut airbase, the largest in the country and the colonel commanding it killed. West of Cholon, the radar station of Phu Lam was assaulted. On May 3, the outer-harbour of Saigon was shelled; two fuel depots were gutted by fire.

Northeast of Saigon, Bien Hoa — Long Binh, the most important logistic base of the U.S. in South Vietnam, was shelled on May 4. From 16 km north of Saigon, a battalion of puppet Division 5 was decimated on the night of May 4.

Cu Chi and Dong Du townlets about 50km northwest of Saigon and base of Division 25, was stormed on May 5. Haiphong provincial capital, 35 km west-northwest of Saigon, fell under the P.L.A.F. control.

In the Mekong Delta one puppet battalion was wiped out, another badly mauled, and 13 vessels were sunk in an engagement with the P.L.A.F. on May 1 and 2 at 100 km south-west of Saigon. The P.L.A.F. harassed many provincial capitals such as My Tho, Ban Tre, Vinh Long, Cao Lanh, Chuoc Doc, Moc Hoa and scores of district capitals and subdistrict C.P.'s. The U.S. base at Bien Hoa, 60 km west of My Tho, was shelled on May 5 while a battalion of puppet Division 9 was

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